

LOUISIANA SEED COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2008

9:30 a.m.

Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Building

LDAF Veterans Memorial Auditorium

5825 Florida Boulevard

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mr. Fred Bass, Confidential Assistant to Commissioner Mike Strain.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Ms. Andrea Marchand

The following members or their Designees were present: Mr. Fred Bass, Designee for Commissioner Mike Strain; Dr. John Russin, representing Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station; Dr. Johnny Saichuk, representing Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service; Mr. Kyle McCann, Designee for Mr. Ronnie Anderson, Louisiana Farm Bureau Association; Mr. Michael Hensgens, Designee for the Louisiana Seedsmen's Association. All Members or their Designees were present.

Others Present: Todd Parker, Assistant Commissioner of AES; Eric Gates, LDAF Seed Programs; Lester Cannon, LDAF Seed Programs; Andrea Marchand, LDAF Seed Programs; A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Michael Hensgens made a motion to approve the minutes from May 07, 2008 Louisiana Seed Commission Meeting. Mr. Kyle McCann seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Adopt the Notice-of-Intent to Change the Germination Tolerance Table

Motion: Mr. Michael Hensgens made a motion to adopt the Germination Tolerance Table. Mr. Kyle McCann seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Adopt the Notice-of-Intent to change the Certification Application Fee and the date that Certification Fees are payable.

Motion: Mr. Michael Hensgens made a motion to adopt the Certification Application Fee changes and the date that Certification Fees are payable.

Mr. Kyle McCann seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

GMO Rice Issue

Mr. Lester Cannon introduced the GMO Rice issue. The issue was discussed by the Commission Members. It was decided by the Commission to continue the mandatory sampling of all rice seed for the 2009 planting season. Rules are in presently in place. No action was required to be taken by the Commission.

ADJOURN